



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



December 9, 2009 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

Absent Commissioners

Diana Wood, Secretary
James Barger, Commissioner

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Garen Khachian
Lupe Duron

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Al Reyes, Sheriff Department
Araceli Pedroza, Sheriff's Department
Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department
Jose Rubio, Regional Planning

Guests

Alice Chen
Angel Cabral
Brandon Finch
Dawn Davila, Rene Stone Court Reporter
Elizabeth Peterson
James Cabral
Jianmei Cao
John Miles
Judy Q. Jiang
Lai Hoi Chuen, Interpreter
Luka Jazvic
Robert Philiciano
Robin Haulman, Attorney
Vinsinia Segura

MEMBERS

STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANA WOOD
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SARA VASQUEZ
COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of November 18, 2009 – Continued to next meeting

Motion: President Afriat seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Massage Parlor-General/SC Business License ID#135900

Alice Chen
Aupres Massage
20613 Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91351 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there were no objections to the issuance of the license. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department, reported no complaints regarding the business.

(Commissioner Campbell joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. constituting a quorum)

Ms. Chen the applicant, authorized Mr. Lai Hoi Chuen to translate on her behalf. Ms. Chen stated the business provides body massages. Staff consist of one massage therapist who has obtained the required permits and licenses. Ms. Chen indicated she is familiar with all the requirements for operating the massage parlor. She added, there are no locks on the doors and the customers and the therapist are dressed at all times.

President Afriat read an anynomus letter complaining regarding the high number of new massage palors in the city of Santa Clarita. President Afriat asked if the applicant knows Andy Yu. Ms. Chen indicated she bought the businesss from Andy Yu who was the previous owner of the business. She added Andy Yu is not affiliated with business.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license, with the following conditions:

- Abide by all Sheriff's Department standard conditions.
- Abide by all rules of the City of Santa Clarita.

Motion: President Afriat seconded by Vice-President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Massage Parlor-General/Health Spa/Club/SC Business License ID#136113

Judy Q. Jiang
Eternity Day Spa
19983 Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91351 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there were no objections to the issuance of the license. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department, reported no complaints regarding the business.

Ms. Jiang, the applicant authorized her husband to speak on her behalf. Luka Jazvic, husband of the applicant stated the business provides skin care and massage. She is a licensed therapist. Staff consists of two massage therapists, one licensed and one in the process of receiving her license. Ms. Jiang indicated she is familiar with all the requirements for operating the massage parlor. She added, there are no locks on the doors and the customers and the therapist are dressed at all times. The hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. seven days a week. The business is currently not operating.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license, with the following conditions:

- Abide by all Sheriff's Department standard conditions.
- Abide by all rules of the City of Santa Clarita.

Motion: President Afriat seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Massage Parlor-General/SC Business License ID#135455

Jianmei Cao
Panda Massage Spa
18520 Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91351 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there were no objections to the issuance of the license. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department, reported no complaints regarding the business.

Ms. Cao, the applicant, authorized Mr. Lai Hoi Chuen to translate on her behalf. Ms. Cao stated the business provides body and foot massage. She is a licensed therapist and her staff consists of one licensed therapist. The establishment has two massage rooms. Ms. Jiang indicated she is familiar with all the requirements for operating the massage parlor. She added, there are no locks on the doors and the customers and the therapist are dressed at all times. The hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license, with the following conditions:

- Abide by all Sheriff's Department standard conditions.

- **Abide by all rules of the City of Santa Clarita.**

Motion: **President Afriat seconded by Commissioner Vasquez**

Vote: **Unanimously carried**

The Commission recessed at 9:35 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Recommendation to Deny Public Eating Business License ID#130446

Douglas Salvinski, President
Micropaladin Inc.
The Hideout
13456 Telegraph Road
Whittier, CA 90605 (First District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the Sheriff's Department is recommending that this application be denied. Lieutenant Al Reyes, Sheriff's Department reported numerous calls were made to the Norwalk police station regarding the above mentioned business.

The Commission recessed at 10:45 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

The Commission advised Lieutenant Reyes to consult with the Sheriff's County Counsel as to which documents can be released to the applicant and to work with Barbara Goul and inform the Commission on the type of information to be released to the applicant.

ACTION TAKEN: **The Commission continued the above-mentioned item to January 6, 2010.**

Motion: **Commissioner Vasquez seconded by Vice-President Campbell**

Vote: **Unanimously carried**

A copy of the petition signed by members of public in support of the denial is on file.

Recommendation to Deny Billiard Room Business License ID#136129

Kambiz Hakim
Malibu Inn
22969 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA 90265 (Third District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the Sheriff's Department is recommending that this application be denied. Araceli Pedroza, Sheriff's Department stated the application is denied based on the non-visibility of the billiard room from the front entrance of the store.

Ms. Elizabeth Peterson presented a letter of authorization to the Commission to represent Mr. Kambiz Hakim the owner. Ms. Peterson works with the Urban Planning Firm and is not a registered lobbyist with Los Angeles County. Ms. Peterson stated she will share the information with the owner and the requirements for having two billiard tables.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission referred the item back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office.

Motion: President Afriat seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2009, and the Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of December 23, 2009 and December 30, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 11:36 a.m.


Steven Afriat, President